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**PATENT**

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**RESPONSE TO JANUARY 14, 2004 OFFICE ACTION  
(37 CFR §1.111)**

Mail Stop Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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In Response to the Office Action of January 14, 2004, reconsideration of the rejections and further examination of the application are requested.

**Petition for Extension of Time to Respond**

The period for response is hereby extended ONE month to expire May 14, 2004 by this Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time. The appropriate petition fee of \$55 (37 CFR §1.17) accompanies this Response.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the application as follows:

**In the Claims** (37 CFR §1.21(c)):

Please amend claim 1 as follows. Changes in the claim's content are indicated in the accompanying Amendment Sheet illustrating the amended claim and marking the changes made therein.

1. **[AMENDED]** A multi-purpose hiking and fishing tool comprising:
  - a. a shaft extending between a handle end and an opposing tip end, wherein:
    - (1) the handle end has a grip defined thereon;
    - (2) the shaft includes:
      - (a) at least one hook integrally attached to the shaft;
      - (b) several base arms provided thereon, each base arm being spaced from a corresponding strap cleat on the shaft, whereby a container having a base supported on the base arm may be secured to the

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